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Thru:  
Lieutenant Jack Revill  
Criminal Intelligence Section  
Special Service Bureau  
Dallas Police Department

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE (6)  
GEORGE de MONTRETSCHILDT

Sir:

The attached is a copy of a report resulting from a confidential investigation into the SUBJECT'S background. This investigation was conducted by a local firm of private investigators.

Respectfully submitted,

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L. D. Stringfellow, Detective  
Criminal Intelligence Section



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RE: GEORGE de MOHRENSCHILDT

Neighborhood:

MRS. JOSH H. MAYO, 3101 University, who with her husband, owns the property at 6628 Dickens where GEORGE de MOHRENSCHILDT and his wife now reside, stated that the de MOHRENSCHILDTs have resided at the Dickens address since October 5, 1961, in the upper left apartment of a two-story brick building. Their apartment consists of a living room and dining room combined, one large bedroom and one small bedroom which is now utilized as a dining room. The house is generally ill kept, the beds are practically on the floor, and maintained in keeping with their Oriental or beatnik type of life. They owed her five months rent but paid two months of the delinquency on February 8, 1963. They still are three months in arrears. The rent is \$115.00 per month. In May, 1962, they gave her an NSF check for the rent which was subsequently made good.

Sometime within recent months, MRS. de MOHRENSCHILDT's daughter and husband from San Diego came and stayed with the de MOHRENSCHILDTs for several weeks. The daughter and the husband are beatniks; the husband wore a Castro type beard, wore dark pants with slits in the knees, etc.

The de MOHRENSCHILDTs maintain two Chihuahua dogs which have succeeded in ruining practically all of the carpet in the apartment.

When asked if the de MOHRENSCHILDTs were the type of people that she would like to have keep her grandchild for her she replied, "positively not."

MR. JOSH MAYO states he normally takes care of the apartment at 6628 Dickens, that he sees the de MOHRENSCHILDTs there frequently. MR. de MOHRENSCHILDT is normally dressed only in shorts, wanders about in them. MRS. de MOHRENSCHILDT normally wears a bunny type bikini and seems to shower her affection on their two Chihuahua dogs.

MR. MAYO stated that he knew that de MOHRENSCHILDT had been represented in Dallas legally by MORRIS JAFFEE of the firm of Wynne and Wynne.

MR. de MOHRENSCHILDT does not appear to have any regular type employment but generally spends his time telling of the big deals he has pending despite the fact that he is always in arrears in the rent. When asked if he considered them the proper type people to take care of a sick child he replied, "I wouldn't want them taking care of my grandchild."

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MRS. MARY FOX, who has occupied the second floor apartment directly across the hall from the de MOHRENSCHILDTs for the past year, states



that the de MOHRENSCHILDTs live a different type life from what she does and that they like to entertain various types of people, both upper and lower social level, and that they appear to be extremely highly educated--speaking several different languages. She stated that they take care of their two dogs as though they were children. She has observed, however, that MRS. de MOHRENSCHILDT is not a careful housekeeper, that she frequently leaves dishes in the sink for extended periods of time but is the type of person who can prepare a meal amid such disorder without concern or difficulty.

MRS. FOX said that she has observed no excessive drinking or wild parties and that the de MOHRENSCHILDTs have not disturbed her with the type of company they entertain. When asked if she considered them the proper type of people to take care of a sick child, MRS. FOX was somewhat reticent in reply.

MR. PAUL RAIGORODSKY, a person of Russian extraction who maintains an office in the First National Bank Building and resides at the Stoneleigh Hotel, states he has known GEORGE de MOHRENSCHILDT for several years and sponsored his membership in the Petroleum Club in Dallas; states de MOHRENSCHILDT has no fixed, regular income--merely works on a consulting basis as a petroleum engineer--maintains no office. He has borrowed money from RAIGORODSKY on frequent occasion, generally has repaid it. RAIGORODSKY considers him a Bohemian type individual that he thinks has now "stopped playing around with women and the International set." He doesn't know him now to drink to excess or gamble -- he is a wanderer.

RAIGORODSKY states that within the past year or so he (MOHRENSCHILDT) and his wife took a walking trip through Mexico to Panama utilizing a donkey and taking one of their dogs with them, which trip incidentally was given publicity in one of the Dallas papers. He states that within the past two months de MOHRENSCHILDT advised he was planning to move to Haiti for a year or so and go into the hemp business and also do some oil development. de MOHRENSCHILDT exhibited letters from Duvalier, head of the present government in Haiti, which were cordial in nature. de MOHRENSCHILDT asked RAIGORODSKY to put some money in the ventures. RAIGORODSKY declined.

RAIGORODSKY described de MOHRENSCHILDT as being approximately forty-four to forty-seven years of age; possibly born in Sweden, his parents were pre-Baltic Germans; that he had come to the United States possibly from Mexico; he is about 6' to 6' 1" tall; weighs over 200 pounds; has brown hair streaked with gray; ruddy complexion; has a brother who is a professor in Russian studies at Dartmouth University; claims to have attended school in Belgium and to have received a Masters Degree from the University of Texas, possibly in geology, in about 1949; no known military service; no known criminal record, according to RAIGORODSKY.



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RAIGORODESKY was specifically asked if he knew if de MOHRENSCHILDT or his wife had engaged in homosexual activities, and he replied in the negative.

RAIGORODESKY stated on May 13, 1963, he had just received a letter from de MOHRENSCHILDT, postmarked 3-11-63, on stationery of the Racquet and Tennis Club, 370 Park Avenue, New York, saying that he and his wife had been detained an additional ten days in New York and Philadelphia and sending regards.

All of the individuals named above stated that in view of the personal relationship they had with the de MOHRENSCHILDTs they would decline to furnish any affidavit or testify in any court proceedings at this time.

A confidential source at the Republic National Bank advised that de MOHRENSCHILDT had applied for a letter of introduction to a bank in Port au Prince, Haiti, which letter was forwarded April 16, 1963, stating in substance that the de MOHRENSCHILDTs had maintained a satisfactory customer relationship with the Republic and that they had extended credit to him both secured and unsecured, in 4-figure amounts. He was believed to be a petroleum geologist and engineer, that he had received training in Belgium and was supposed to have received a Masters Degree in Petroleum from the University of Texas in 1945; was known to have been affiliated with a MR. EDWARD G. HOOKER of New York City in the oil business; that he was known to Dun and Bradstreet. It is believed that this letter may lend significance that he was, or still may be, planning to go to Haiti.

MRS. PIO (FLORENCE) GRESPI, 5555 Walnut Hill and MRS. LEE (HELEN) VAN ATTA, 3801 Chilton, both stated that they are close personal friends of MRS. DENTON and that they knew GEORGE de MOHRENSCHILDT during the period of his marriage to her. Both consider him to be a Bohemian type individual and totally unsuited for the care of an ill youngster. Both stated that they consider de MOHRENSCHILDT to be without moral background, but they could furnish no specific information relative to any homosexual activity or personal abuse of any child or member of his family. Both stated they considered MRS. DENTON to be a person of excellent character and reputation and certainly, by virtue of both her medical background and that of her present husband, to be ideally suited for the care of MRS. DENTON's and GEORGE's daughter, NADIA, now possibly eleven or twelve, residing with MRS. DENTON in Villanova.

MR. LEWIS RUSSELL, Juvenile Court Judge, who represented MRS. DENTON in her divorce action against GEORGE in 1956, stated that he could furnish no specific information which would be of value from a moral standpoint that would be helpful in the present hearing at Reading based on his knowledge of the content of his legal file concerning the divorce.

CAPT. JOE CHURCHMAN, University Park Police Department, stated that he has observed de MOHRENSCHILDT and his present wife on frequent occasions as they were walking to and from the tennis court in the park across from the police and fire department in University Park. They are always scantily clad, and in fact, MRS. de MOHRENSCHILDT has constituted somewhat of a traffic hazard by virtue of her abbreviated costume and physical characteristics which had a distracting effect on motorists passing by.

There is no arrest record in the files of the University Park Police Department. CAPT. CHURCHMAN stated that he had observed on occasion a more or less beatnik group frequenting the de MOHRENSCHILDT residence.

The Article entitled "Pan American Walking Tour" by Graydon Heartsill, which appeared in the Dallas Times Herald Magazine section under date of November 6, 1960, found on pages 14 and 15, were also furnished the client.



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MR. and MRS. MAYO advised that when the de MOHRENSCHILDT returned from their walking trip through Mexico to Panama with a donkey and a dog, they showed a movie of their trip to the MAYOS. The entire film was replete of scenes taken of both GEORGE and his present wife nude while they were bathing in various creeks and rivers. The emphasis on nudity was such that alarmed the MAYOS but they appeared to be just a normal way of life for the de MOHRENSCHILDTs. They both commented that people who live in this manner certainly would not exert a good influence on a child of tender years.



INT. 2965

May 13, 1963

RE: GEORGE de MOHRENSCHILDT  
6628 Dickens  
Dallas, Texas

CREDIT INFORMATION:

Came to file August 9, 1951.

Last checked on October 11, 1960. At this time he was self-employed as oil operator. Had been for number of years. Declined estimate of income.

DOB April 17, 1914, in Russia.

Married to Wynne.

Divorce notice in file dated in 1956--Wynne vs. George.

Former addresses: 6620 Thackeray in 1959, and 3912 Hall Street (date not shown).

Trade: Ready-to-wear, selling since 1951, high \$93.00, no balance, paid 1-2 months.

Department store, selling since 1959, high \$150.00, owes nothing, paid \$30.00.

Ready-to-wear, selling since 1956, high \$55.00, no balance, paid as agreed.

Cleaners, selling since 1954, high \$6.00, no balance and paid satisfactorily.

Shoe store, since 1953, high \$46.00, no balance, paid 1-2 months.

Since last check up in 1960, the following accounts have been turned in:

Past due account, department store, balance \$156.68, owing since October, 1962, 3 payments past due.

Newspaper, filed for collection, balance \$7.80, owing since September, 1960.

Collection account turned in by jewelry store, \$20.43, for January, 1962.

ARREST:

Negative - Dallas City P. D. and Dallas County Sheriff's Office.



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Marriage Records:

A careful check of the marriage records of Dallas County Clerk's Office, failed to disclose any marriage record for ALEXANDRA de MOHRENSCHILDT during the period from September, 1959 to date. In view of her age, it is likely that she may have been married at Durant, Oklahoma, or some other marriage mill location where parental consent and the three day waiting period is not required.

Discussion:

Although investigation was in progress to determine the basis, if any, for the rumors that de MOHRENSCHILDT had collected funds allegedly in behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation but had failed to turn them in to the Foundation, and also to determine his possible association with known homosexuals in this area, such investigation was terminated at 2:30 p.m. on May 17, 1963, upon the receipt of instruction from MR. JAMES DONOVAN, attorney, that no further investigation was desired at this time.

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Supplemental Investigation.

Neighborhood:

FANNIE DULANEY, 3555 Rosedale, who requested that her name be maintained in confidence, advised on May 15, 1963, that she is the owner of property at 6620 Thackeray where GEORGE de MOHRENSCHILDT and his current wife resided prior to their moving to the 6628 Dickens address. MRS. DULANEY states that while living in her home that the house was maintained in a "filthy atmosphere" and that they seemed to be traveling all the time. She recalled that MR. de MOHRENSCHILDT's daughter, ALEXANDRA, by a previous marriage, had come to live with them during the late summer or early fall in 1959 and that the daughter, ALEXANDRA, had enrolled at Highland Park High School. She only remained approximately six weeks however. While her father and stepmother were away on one of their frequent trips this youngster, who was then about sixteen, ran off with a boy who apparently she had known previously, possibly while he was in military service, and they got married much to the chagrin of the de MOHRENSCHILDTs who discovered this upon their return. At that time his daughter, ALEXANDRA, and his wife's daughter by a previous marriage, had been left alone in the house.

MRS. DULANEY recalls seeing MR. and MRS. de MOHRENSCHILDT passing by her home frequently while they proceeded in their scantily clad tennis uniforms to play tennis in the nearby park. When asked if she considered them proper persons to take care of a child requiring constant medical attention, she replied, emphatically in the negative.

ADDISON P. MOORE, 1604 Tower Petroleum Building, who requested his identity remain confidential, advised on May 15, 1963, that he and his wife knew GEORGE de MOHRENSCHILDT while married to WYNNE SHARPLESS, whose father owned Sharpless Oil Company of Midland, Texas, and visited frequently in their home off Hillcrest. He recalled that on one occasion GEORGE exhibited a movie of a trip he had made to Mexico with HENRY ROGATS, geologist, who offices in the First National Bank, Dallas, and lives on Wildwood, which included scenes of ROGATS and himself dancing naked around a bar in which a Mexican prostitute was seated naked in an extremely lewd position. During this time, GEORGE also showed nume-



photos of male nudes and bragged of wearing his wife's panties. MOORE states that he last visited de MOHRENSCHILDT in the house which he was renting on Thackeray and recalls that there was a painting in the lower downstairs bathroom which depicted erotic scenes. This painting was proudly identified by the wife as an oil work of her daughter by a previous marriage, this apparently being the girl who now is a beatnik in San Diego.

MOORE is unaware of the identity of any person who is in a position to testify that either de MOHRENSCHILDT or his present wife are homosexuals. He stated it is possible, on the basis of general observation, that HENRY ROGATS mentioned above may be one.

MOORE emphasized that he does not desire to execute an affidavit concerning the above at this time but states he would do so or would be willing to testify to the above in the event of a trial in Texas involving MRS. DENTON's continued custody of her sick child.

MR. JOSH MAYO, 3101 University, present owner of 6628 Dickens, stated on the evening of May 15, 1963, that recently while making plumbing repairs in the bathroom of the de MOHRENSCHILDTs he physically observed their bathroom and can state positively that there are no erotic paintings now present therein. It is likely that any such drawing may now be in the possession of MRS. de MOHRENSCHILDT's daughter on the West Coast since she apparently is the one who painted it.

#### High School Records:

A confidential source at Highland Park High School advised on May 15th that ALEXANDRA de MOHRENSCHILDT was admitted as a student in September, 1959, after having attended American Community School in Paris, France. Although requested, a transcript of her record was never received. She took three tests and left school before the first six weeks were completed. She was listed as having been born in New York City on 12-25-43, and listed her parents as having resided at 6620 Thackeray. If she were married prior to December of 1959, she would have done so at the age of 15 according to the unverified birth record at Highland Park High School.

Discreet inquiry among students who were in some of her classes at Highland Park High School discloses that she did marry a boy possibly twenty-two years of age, out of the military, and that they may now be residing in Arlington, Texas, where they have one child, age unknown. To date no information has been developed to establish the identity of the person to whom she was allegedly married.

